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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL AND  
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

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Please find a Response to Restriction Requirement transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants respectfully request a **one-month** extension of time in which to respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 6, 2003 for which a one-month response period, expiring on April 6, 2003, was set. The one-month extended period for response expires on May 6, 2003. Please charge the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) **one-month extension fee of \$110.00**, and any additional fees that may be required, to **Deposit Account No. 11-0600**. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose

Respectfully submitted,

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